

AMENDED CLAIMS

The claims have been amended.

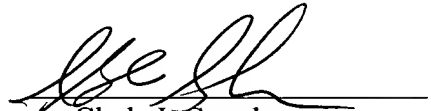
Your applicant is not selling scrap, he is preventing scrap from even being formed. Stewart (paragraph 0093) is selling scrap. Only hindsight can account for misconstruing the Stewart disclosure. The Examiner's mental gymnastics as to what is and what is not scrap and what is a product, or potential product, is not properly in issue and is viewed as an irrelevant attempt to creation confusion. A process is being claimed and the preamble is "the intentioned purpose for which the method must be performed" and it also helps define the claimed invention. Your applicant manufactures products from blank stock material. The products manufactured by your applicant do not use the whole blank, so other manufacturers are invited to use the remaining portion of the blank.

The addition of "reducing scrap by ..." into the base claim 1, precludes scrap reduction from being found only in the preamble. There is no teaching or suggestion in Stewart of reducing scrap by a first fabricator making areas of an unused blank available to a second fabricator. The present claims clearly come within the criteria addressed by the Federal Circuit in Pitney Bowes v. Hewlett Packard, supra, and make the subject matter of Stewart non-analogous and clearly define the invention over the teachings of Stewart.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-17 are not anticipated by Stewart under 35 USC 102(e) and are not obvious in view of Stewart and are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted



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